# MINUTES WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING CITY OF MARGATE

#### **FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order - 5:00 p.m.

### Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Meetings Notice was sent to the Atlantic City Press, and the Star Ledger, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, the Municipal Website, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Johanna Casey, City Clerk: Reads the statement of compliance, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

### **Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:**

Mayor Collins, Commissioner Blumberg and Commissioner Horn were present. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Roger McLarnon, Joe Johnston, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Johanna Casey and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Joe Johnston: No updates to the Citywide Dredging Permitting and the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting. On tonight's regular meeting agenda is the resolution to authorize the going out to bid for the FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Clermont Avenue to Douglas Avenue. No changes to the 2023 Road Program. Presentations on the FY2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Washington Avenue Streetscapes project and the FY2023 Safe Streets to Transits Washington Avenue & Ventnor Avenue Transit Improvement project will be given to the Board of Commissioners. Both these projects have received funding. There is no update to the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project. The final review of the Library Park evaluation report is being done. No update on the Flood Warning and Response Plan. No update on the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's I-Bank Assistance-Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Quotes are to be solicited for the retiming of Atlantic Avenue traffic signals. Remington & Vernick Engineers will be submitting a proposal for additional work required by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the Stormwater Ordinance and Mapping Assistance. No changes to the pending grant application list, the pending capital projects list nor the miscellaneous engineering list. Releasing of the 2021 Redevelopment of Well No.5 project will be recommended. No changes to the projects on the closeout list. A final punch list for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project is being compiled now that the netting has been installed. The contractor of the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No. 1 resumed work on the building. Gives an update on work being done on the FY2022 State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglass Avenue to Exeter Avenue.

# **Department Head Reports:**

Scott Abbott: Nothing to add

**Roger McLarnon:** There is one case scheduled for the next planning board meeting. Speaks on the resolution on tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda to allow outdoor dining till October 31, 2024. There are three resolutions on tonight's agenda authorize the purchasing of goods and services through approved the state contract list and two state approved cooperative purchasing programs.

**Chief Hankinson:** Two new officers will be sworn in during tonight's regular commission meeting. Reminds drivers to keep a slow speed with schools in succession.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on the 2024 municipal budget to be presented at the March 7, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting. Speaks on a special healthcare open enrollment period offered by the State. The City's health broker has requested a meeting to discuss health benefits. Speaks on increasing fees associated with various departmental fees and licensing. Recommends increasing the liquor license fees, so they may take effect this year. The Recreation Department already increased fees not too long ago.

Mayor Collins: In favor of moving forward with increasing fees.

**Andrew Miles:** Speaks on recently increased recreation fees.

Commissioner Blumberg: Okay with increasing fees

**Andrew Miles:** Summer camp registration will open up on March 4, 2024. A new on-line system to sign up is available. Applications to work for the recreation department are being received already.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on four Margate firefighters training Longport firefighters on firefighter personal safety. Reminds people not to call the fire station directly, but to call 911 in an emergency.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on increasing the liquor license fees over the span of a few years.

**Mayor Collins:** Agrees with the increasing of the liquor license fees since the City is well below other municipalities.

### **Public Comment:**

Seeing that there were no public comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Mayor Collins, with a vote of three ayes.

## Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Horn, and seconded by Mayor Collins, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

Mayor Michael Collins

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: /

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk